Review of Sri Lanka policy of India

*267. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has made an indepth review of its policy on Sri Lanka in the wake of reports of Sri Lankan Tamils facing murders and atrocities and a major action by the armed forces in which 100 Tamils were killed recently; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) In the light of developments which take place in respect of the ethnic problem in Sri Lankan. Government remains in continuous touch with the situation and determines what is reactions should be. Government's policy however has remained constant. We believe that there can be no military solution. Violence and killings should stop. A political solution must be found as early as possible which is acceptable to all concerned.

Confessions obtained by the Punjab Government from the Extremists

*268. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Government have furnished to the Centre Confessions obtained from the extremists regarding Pakistan's complicity in terrorists activities, their training in Pakistan camps and their infiltration into the country to carry out secessionist activities despite Pakistan's continuous denial of its involvement in the training of extremists; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Punjab, some terrorists apprehended by them had, during interrogation, disclosed that they had been subjected to training in the handling of small arms and were provided with arms/ammunitions and funds by Pakistan.

@-269. (Transferred to the 18th March, 1986].

Seeking of Asylum in UK by Extremists from India

*270. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : SHRI KALPNATH RAI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to Government's notice that some extremists from India have sought asylum in the UK;

(b) whether the UK Government has granted asylum to them;

(c) whether India has strongly protested to the UK Government in the matter; and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of that Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Governments are usually averse to disclose information on asylum seekers. But, independently, we understand that the UK Government has granted asylum to some anti-Indian extremists.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The UK Government has not been helpful or cooperative in the matter, pleading inability to take action due to their legal system.

Bills passed by State Legislatures pending President's Assent

*271. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the Bills passed by State/Union Territory Legisla-

@Previously Starred Question 129, transferred from the 4th March, 1986.

tures, State and Union Territory-wise, pending with Government for President's assent together with the dates on which each of the Bills was received for that purpose; and

(b) what guidelines have been laid down in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The requisite information is given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, annexure No. 26]

(b) The Bills are considered in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and no guidelines as such have been laid down.

Pollution in river Hooghly

*272. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps the Central Government have taken to reduce pollution in river Hooghly in West Bengal; and

(b) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) The steps to reduce pollution in the Hooghly river as envisaged under the Ganga Action Plan include—

— Diversion of waste water away from the river;

— Treatment plants for waste water along with recovery of bio-energy where feasible; and

— Sanitation schemes and river front development.

(b) Does not arise.

West Bengal Projects pending with the central Government

*273. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the industrial, railway and power projects of West Bengal pending clearance from the Central Government; and

(b) what are the reasons for not clearing these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A list (Statement-I) of industrial and power projects of the Public Sector pending clearance from the Central Government is placed on the Table of the House (*See below*). With regard to major railway projects, a statement showing the status of the proposals referred to the Planning Commission for clearance during the last five years (1981 onwards) is also laid on the Table of the House (Statement-II) (*See* below).

(b) The main reason which has held up the clearance of the pending projects in the Industry sector is on account of their being under examination for their techno-economic feasibility. The brief reasons for delay in the clearance of power projects have been indicated in the Statement referred to above.

Statement

Sl. No.	Project Details	Cost (Rs. crores)	Status
	Industrial Projects		
1	Andrew Yule & Company Ltd. Calzutta; Manufacture of Steel Cords/Synthetic Fibre reinforced bolting.	19·95	Recommended by the PIB for investment Approved.
2	Revamping of M/s Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (renovation of the plant at Durgapur, West Bengal)	37·60	Considered by the Committee of the PIB and under further examination of Government.